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ACCOUNTABILITY, ASSESSMENT, CURRICULUM, AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT

A. SBAC Technology Requirements

The online Smarter Balanced Assessment System was designed to operate within the technology infrastructures that currently exist in most schools and districts. It is important that all schools determine their degree of technology readiness. Detailed information on the minimum necessary specifications to operate the assessment system can be found on the Office of Technology Web site: www.nheon.org/oet/readiness/index.htm. Please check your system to be sure that you have the minimum requirements to operate the SBAC assessment.

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CERTIFICATION

A. Alternative 4 and 5

Please remember that if you have candidates in your school district who were hired over the summer and have a Statement of Eligibility (SOE) their individual professional development plan (IPDP) should be forwarded to the Bureau of Credentialing as soon as possible after the date of hire. It is expected that an alternative 4/5 candidate for New Hampshire certification will construct a professional development plan for that certification that is just as rigorous as if they are enrolled in a teacher preparation program at an institution of higher education. A portfolio of evidence that documents completion of the appropriate competencies must be submitted for full certification. If you have questions about this process or need assistance please contact the Bureau of Credentialing. An Alternative 4 candidate is not considered HQT until the Intern license is in place and the candidate has passed the appropriate content test (or demonstrated content area competency through another route).

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B. Data Regarding Hires/Terminations and Teacher Assignments

All data on hires and terminations need to be entered into the EIS system as soon as possible. Also please submit your Course Submissions and Student Class Submissions. These should represent the courses your teachers are teaching and the students enrolled in those courses. Note: you can also roll-over your course assignments directly in the EIS system and/or enter courses and student rosters directly in EIS. The Bureau of Credentialing is relying on districts to enter the data as we no longer use the Personnel Action Form (PAF). For technical issues with the i4see uploads please contact i4see.help@doe.nh.gov.

Contact: Lisa Landenberger, (603) 271-2409, Lisa.Landenberger@doe.nh.gov

C. Endorsements and HQT: 2012-2013 federal reporting

Please make sure all your teachers are highly qualified and certified for the courses they are teaching. Last year's HQT data will be extracted from EIS this fall. It is important to update the database with HOUSSE and transcript review details. Additionally, assignments are sometimes entered incorrectly or in a way that the HQT status of an educator may not be

properly verified. To see the areas in question, please login to the Educator Information System (EIS) and click on tabs found on the top of the EIS page ("HQT" with a yellow star).

Contact: Ginny Clifford, (603) 271-3455, Virginia.Clifford@doe.nh.gov

D. National Board for Teaching Standards Certification

New Hampshire offers \$1,000 towards the cost of an educator seeking National Board for Professional Teaching Standards certification. For more information on the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards see www.nbpts.org.

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E. NH Foundations of Reading Test

Effective beginning July 1, 2014, the NH Foundations of Reading assessment will be required for the following endorsements: Elementary Education K-6 and K-8, Early Childhood Education, Reading and Writing Teacher, and Reading Specialist. For information about the test see: www.nh.nesinc.com

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F. Praxis Core Academic Skills for Educators: REPLACEMENT FOR PRAXIS I

The Praxis Core Academic Skills for Educators assessment has replaced the PPST or Praxis I. When students register for their tests, as always, be sure to tell them to select their tests from the New Hampshire page on the ETS website. Educators will now take the Core before obtaining a Statement of Eligibility (SOE) instead of the Praxis I. See: <http://www.ets.org/praxis/nh/requirements> "Tests Required for All Licensure Areas".

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G. Praxis Exams

The NH State Board of Education recently approved the passing scores for several new Praxis exams. Please be certain to have your educators check the New Hampshire information on the ETS website: <http://www.ets.org/praxis/nh/requirements> before they choose to take a test. ETS may still be offering tests in other parts of the country that NH has dropped. Students need to find the correct test number for New Hampshire to be certain they take the right test.

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H. Professional Development Committee Contacts

Please forward any changes in the contact information for District/SAU professional development committee chairs or SAU/district contacts to Lisa Kaim. Having this contact facilitates communication regarding professional development opportunities as well as PD Master Plan revisions.

Contact: Lisa Kaim, (603) 271-8049, Lisa.Kaim@doe.nh.gov

DATA

A. Fall i4see Submission Schedule:

October 15 – Deadline for 2013-2014 Final BOY submissions. BOY files include all students who have been in your schools this school year through October 1. Attendance data will be required in this submission.

October 15 – Special education personnel are asked to work with the i4see coordinators to report in the BOY any students that are in Out of District NONPUBLIC placements at their school district's expense. Any students that are missed, that were included in the 2013 EOY (End of Year) in nonpublic out of district placements, will be reported as anomalies in the report "EOY Students Not Found in a BOY." This report can be found on the i4see workbench under the Analysis tab>Anomaly and State Reports >BOY screen.

October 15 – Due date for submitting Course Submissions and Student Class Submissions. In addition to other important uses, these submissions are vital for teachers who are using PerformancePLUS to inform instruction. These should represent the courses your teachers are teaching and the students enrolled in those courses. Note: you can also roll-over your course assignments directly in the EIS system and/or enter courses and student rosters directly in EIS. For PerformancePlus questions, contact Cyndy Currier at ccurrier@mac.com or (603) 801-0444.

November 8 – F&R Submissions (Free and Reduced Eligible) – Include in this submission all students whose applications have been received and processed by October 30 or who appear on the "direct cert" report.

Also, if your SAU has changed the i4see Contact Person, please let us know at i4see.help@doe.nh.gov

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B. Fall Reports

Class and Staffing Form (A 12B); Central Office Personnel (A 12D); District Level Home Schooled Count (A 12E); and Teacher Attainment and Average Salary (A 12F) should be entered into the ESS system (using the myNHDOE Single Sign On System) and then printed, signed, and forwarded to Data Management. Reminder, they were due by October 15, 2013.

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C. PerformancePLUS Update

- Please submit your i4see: CourseSubmission and StudentClassSubmission. Teacher level users will not see any student data, until these submissions are completed.
- If you want NWEA, DIBELS or AimsWeb data automatically loaded into P+, and it's not already happening, then please e-mail lisa.kaim@doe.nh.gov and she can help.
- New Hampshire Department of Education data trainers are available to come to your school site to provide professional development for administrators and teachers in data analysis using PerformancePLUS, Longitudinal reports, School and District Profiles and other state supported tools.

- Two new Learning Paths have been released in the New Hampshire Network: “Using PerformancePlus to Look at Local Data” and “New PerformancePLUS Reporting.” The first instructs participants in how to generate local data, such as common math benchmark assessments, writing prompts, or reading inventories in PerformancePLUS so that local data can be analyzed beside high stakes assessments. The second, “New PerformancePLUS Reporting,” teaches participants how to generate the newest report types, and use filters and options to get useful data. Working through the Learning Paths provides an opportunity for job-embedded professional learning. Educators should log their time and provide evidence of their learning under the guidelines of their local professional development master plan. This evidence may be used to document progress toward requirements for recertification.
- To be added to the PerformancePLUS and data news listserv please contact Lisa Kaim at Lisa.Kaim@doe.nh.gov with your email address. You could add your colleagues, too, by sending an email address. The name of the listserv is FTCAC (Follow the Child Assistance Center).

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HEARINGS

A public hearing will be held at 11:00 a.m. on October 24, 2013, regarding Initial Proposal for Ed 1200 Limiting the Use of Child Restraint Practices, Ed 1113.04-.06 and Ed 1114.07-.09 Behavioral Interventions, Ed 1120.04 Parental Consent, and Ed 1120.08 Public and Private Insurance. It will take place at James Mastricola Upper Elementary School, 26 Baboosic Lake Rd, Merrimack, NH 03054. A second public hearing is scheduled for October 24, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. for these rules. It will take place at the NH Department of Education, State Board Room, 101 Pleasant St., Concord, NH 03301. Deadline for written comment is November 7, 2013.

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INNOVATIONS/INITIATIVES

A. Breakfast Challenge

New Hampshire is launching a Breakfast Challenge for all SAUs in the State. The launch will occur at North Hampton Elementary School on October 24, 2013. The Breakfast Challenge is a collaborative project through associations such as the Children’s Alliance, NH Department of Education and School Nutrition Association of NH. The Challenge asks that all schools increase participation in the breakfast program by 25% over a two year period. For more information regarding the Challenge please go to www.nhschoolbreakfast.org.

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B. NH Networks - Instructional Quality

Facilitated by 2012 NH Teacher of the Year and NHASCD Board member, Bethany Bernasconi, this new network aims to create additional on-line support for innovative ideas that support student success. The network will offer a place for educators to support their learning and professional practice by connecting with others before and after NHASCD conferences. To Log-in to The New Hampshire Network go to <https://my.nh.doe.gov>. At this

time, The New Hampshire Network is only accessible for K-12 certified educators and those with access via the NH DOE's secure login (myNHDOE, Single Sign-on System).

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NH HIGH SCHOOL REDESIGN

A. Early Warning System

The NH DOE has developed a statewide Early Warning System (EWS) which has been rolled out to all NH public high schools through myNHDOE. The EWS assists school personnel in quickly identifying those students who are at risk of not being on track to graduate and ultimately dropping out of school. Early identification of at-risk students allows schools to provide students with interventions and supports in a timely and strategic fashion to help them succeed by addressing their unique needs. All superintendents, assistant superintendents and high school principals have access to the tool through myNHDOE. Access for high school guidance directors/counselors and teachers can be made available through your i4see coordinator.

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PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

A. STAND UP 2013 New Hampshire

On Friday, November 15, 2013, thousands of middle and high school students and teachers from across New Hampshire will come together at the Whittemore Center Arena on the University of New Hampshire's Durham campus for a one-day program to take a stand against all forms of bullying. During the day, students will discuss the issue, hear from inspirational speakers, and caucus to exchange ideas and discuss action plans for their schools. This rally was a call to action for students to take a stand against bullying! Commissioner of Education, Virginia M. Barry, Ph.D. encourages NH schools and students to take part in this rally. This is a unique opportunity to discuss the prevention of bullying in our society through education and awareness. To register or for more information go to www.standuptobullyingnh.org.

B. Transition Summit

The New Hampshire Transition Community of Practice announces its seventh Transition Summit, the only statewide conference for training, collaboration, networking, and information focused on post-secondary outcomes for students. Summit presentations will be focused on effective transition practices that feature one of the following topics areas: planning and programming; workforce readiness; life-long learning; and independent living. The summit will take place from 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. on November 19, 2013 at the Grappone Conference Center. To register or for more information go to www.events.unh.edu/RegistrationForm.pm?event_id=15534.

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RESOURCES

A. Monthly Webinars

The Great Schools Partnership is continuing its series of free monthly webinars focused on critical school-improvement topics for educational leaders and teachers. The webinars are open to any interested school leader or educator and there is no cost to participate, but registration is limited. Go to www.greatschoolspartnership.org/webinars to see a complete list of this year's topics.

OTHER

NH Excellence In Education “ED”ies Awards

How would you and your school like to be awarded \$2,000 and be recognized around the State of New Hampshire for the excellence you do? The awards for the outstanding elementary, middle, and secondary schools are determined by criteria developed by the New Hampshire Excellence in Education Awards Board of Directors and applied by selection committees composed of experienced New Hampshire educators and community leaders. The committees study school applications and assess schools through on-site visitations. The selection committees determine if schools deserve recognition as schools of excellence, and the winners are announced at the annual New Hampshire “ED”ies Awards Celebration. It is the intent of the “ED”ies Committee to provide a process that honors exemplary practices and excellence at the elementary, middle, and high school levels throughout the Granite State. For more information go to www.edies.org/application_info.htm.

Jack Kent Cooke Foundation College Scholarship

The Jack Kent Cooke Foundation announces the launch of its College Scholarship, one of the most generous higher education awards in the country. Designed to help highly capable students with financial need succeed at some of the most selective colleges in the country, those chosen will receive support from an educational advisor and up to \$30,000 per year for four years to cover educational expenses. More information or application at: www.jkcf.org/scholarships/college-scholarship-program/how-to-apply.

Count Me In Video Contest

Count Me In! is a unique contest sponsored by the New Hampshire Council on Developmental Disabilities. They are looking for powerful and positive visual media that surprise the viewer with fresh ideas about ability and disability. The winning video will become part of their Public Awareness Campaign for Community Inclusion and its creative team will receive \$500. Submissions by youth, young adults, and individuals with disabilities are especially encouraged. Deadline for submission is November 1, 2013. For more information go to www.countmeincontest.com.

NH Poetry Out Loud Program

Registration is now open for the NH Poetry Out Loud Program, sponsored by the NH State Council on the Arts, the National Endowment for the Arts and the Poetry Foundation with other local partners. High schools and high school students are encouraged to register and participate in this exciting program which supports the Common Core “English Language Arts” and performing arts standards. State Competition Finals take place at the State House,

NH Representatives Hall on March 14, 2013. National finals are held in Washington, DC. The competition is limited to 40 high schools and the registration deadline is November 1, 2013. To learn more about Poetry Out Loud visit: www.nh.gov/nharts or contact Catherine O'Brian, NH State Council on the Arts, 603-271-0795, Catherine.R.Obrian@dcr.nh.gov.

innOVATION STEAM Awards Grant Program

Ovation is launching the second annual innOVATION Grant Awards Program! Ovation, America's only arts network, in partnership with the President's Committee on the Arts and the Humanities (PCAH) and Americans for the Arts (AFTA), developed this year's awards to recognize schools that have cultivated model STEAM programs (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math) or that have effectively incorporated the arts into integrated learning. Public elementary through high-school level schools, including charter and magnet schools, within the United States are eligible to apply online at www.ovationtv.com/innovation-steam.

- The online application process opened on August 26 and the submission deadline is October 28, 2013.
- Up to eight schools will receive \$10,000 awards each to help support or grow their exemplary STEAM programs.
- The eight grant award recipients will be announced at a special ceremony in Washington, D.C., in early 2014.

STEAM programs develop students' creativity and critical thinking skills while encouraging an innovative and creative workforce. Should you have any questions regarding the innOVATION Grant Awards Program, contact Jania Palacios at jpalacios@ovationtv.com or Sonia Tower at stower@ovationtv.com.

Samsung's Solve for Tomorrow Contest

Samsung and its partners are asking teachers to participate in its annual contest to promote Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) education. From now until October 31st, they are accepting applications from teachers in all disciplines representing grades 6-12, and there's no limit to the number of teachers that can enter from each school. Prizes will be awarded at each stage of the competition. Entrants must answer a few, simple questions about their school and STEM education at www.samsung.com/solve. One school per state will win a technology kit to produce a video addressing the challenge, "Show how STEM can be applied to help improve your local community." In addition to the video kit, each state will have one winner that will receive at least a \$20,000 technology package for their school. National Winners will receive \$140,000 in technology and prizes, and a trip to Washington, D.C. for a celebratory event.

Arts Education Partnership Conference

This conference will be held on October 25 and 26, 2013 at the Cody Outdoor Center in Ossipee. This conference brings together educators, teaching artists, parents plus community and education leaders to implement quality arts education and programming in schools and communities. Keynote speakers: Eric Booth (www.ericbooth.net) author & artist and Heidi Joann Welch, music educator and 2013 NH Teacher of the Year. Workshops are engaging and hands-on with a variety of interdisciplinary arts and humanities topics that include Arts & the Common Core, STEM to STEAM, the new National Standards for the Arts, grantwriting and creative writing. To register or to learn more about the conference agenda and workshop descriptions, visit: www.nh.gov/nharts or www.aannh.org. On-line registration options include

one and two day registrations. For more information contact Catherine O'Brian, NH State Council on the Arts, (603) 271-0795 or Catherine.R.Obrian@dcr.nh.gov

Gifted and Talented Conference

The annual New England Conference on the Gifted and Talented will be held Thursday, October 24 and Friday, October 25, 2013 at the Holiday Inn by the Bay, Portland, Maine. The conference theme is "Strong Roots: Nurturing Growth and Development of the Whole Child" and will feature three outstanding keynote speakers: Dr. Joseph Renzulli, Dr. Thomas Hebert and Dr. Sally Reis. For more information and to register, go to www.necgt.org.

Mathematics Dine & Discuss Mini-Conference

The Fall 2013 Dine & Discuss will feature Judi Keeley as the keynote speaker. Judi's keynote address will focus on what formative assessment is and what it is not. The keynote is followed by dinner and K-4, 5-8, and high school grade-level breakout explorations. New Hampshire Teachers of Mathematics (NHTM) Board members will facilitate the grade-level breakout sessions. This mini conference is being held Tuesday, November 12th from 4:30 p.m. until 7:45 p.m. at the Holiday Inn in Concord, NH. To register or for more information go to <http://tinyurl.com/m7s5smo> or contact Rich Andrusiak at randrusiak@ccsnh.edu.

Social Studies Annual Conference

The New Hampshire Council for the Social Studies will hold its annual conference at the Radisson in Manchester on Tuesday, October 29th. There will be a keynote address by Tufts University Professor William C. Martel speaking on *Rethinking American Grand Strategy*, 37 workshops, and exhibits. For further information contact Ruby Hill, President, NHCSS, at topaztuesday@yahoo.com or Kenneth Relihan at (603) 271-6151 or Kenneth.Relihan@doe.nh.gov.

State Suicide Prevention Conference

The 10th Annual NH Suicide Prevention Conference will be held November 8th. It offers a variety of workshops and plenary sessions for anyone interested in suicide prevention. For more information go to <http://naminh.org/node/143> or contact Patrick Roberts at proberts@naminh.org.

World Language Annual Conference

The New Hampshire Association of World Language Teachers will hold its annual conference at the Radisson in Manchester on Friday, October 25th, and Saturday, October 26th. There will be 29 workshops and numerous exhibits. For further information contact Ursula Askins-Huber, President, NHAWLT, at usaschoolmarm@tds.net or Kenneth Relihan at (603) 271-6151 or Kenneth.Relihan@doe.nh.gov.

Monarchs School Day

The Manchester Monarchs will be hosting the fourth Monarchs School Day on Wednesday, November 13, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. at the Verizon Wireless Arena. This event will be a fun and educational day that your students will never forget. This year when the students arrive they will have the ability to utilize the workbooks at the game to hone skills such as simple transactions, making healthy choice, and pledging to not be a bully. Wellness and anti-bullying will be main focus points for our concourse information and activities. For more information about this event please contact Andrew Yarnall of the Manchester Monarchs at (603) 626-7825 ext. 6103.

NH Fish & Wildlife Calendar Fundraiser

The 2014 New Hampshire Fish & Wildlife calendar makes a great school or club fundraiser. Your group makes \$4.95 on each calendar sold. Sales also support the N.H. Fish and Game Department's work conserving wildlife and wild places and promoting conservation education. This year's theme is "Learn WILD" – connecting teachers, students and learners of all ages to our wild world. It's easy to get started – just download a calendar group sales kit at www.wildnh.com/Shop/calendar_fundraiser.html.

Nonpublic School Advisory Council

The Nonpublic School Advisory Council (NPSAC) was established under Ed 400 to perform duties assigned by the State Board of Education related to nonpublic schools, to facilitate communications between the Department of Education and nonpublic schools, and to raise issues of concern to nonpublic schools. The NPSAC consists of 21 members. Recently a position was created for a public school official to serve on the Council. Persons interested in serving on the Council for a three year term are encouraged to submit a brief resume and cover letter explaining their interest in the position to Dr. Judith Fillion at Judith.Fillion@doe.nh.gov. More information regarding the Council, its meeting calendar, and past meeting minutes are available on the Department's Web site at www.education.nh.gov/program/school_approval/non_public_council.htm.

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